

Regular Session, 2006

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Kevin Yokum.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Kevin Yokum for his service and sacrifice in this country's war on terror.

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Yokum was a native of Lake Charles, graduating from high school there and soon thereafter entering the armed forces of his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Yokum enjoyed his first duty assignment in San Diego, California, and he truly enjoyed the opportunity to travel and see some of the world, but he admitted that returning to Lake Charles was his favorite destination and he kept in touch with friends and family there no matter where he was stationed; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Yokum was stationed aboard naval vessels on two occasions and earned the Navy's Sea Service Deployment Ribbon during his nine-year period of military service and had been assigned for some three years at the Pentagon where he worked in military intelligence as an Information Systems Technician in the Chief of Naval Operations Telecommunications Center; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Yokum was 27 years old when he went to work at the Washington D.C. landmark on Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, and on that day he

1 served his country with great distinction, and upheld the highest standards and traditions of
2 the United States Navy with his conduct and actions during a dramatic and tragic attack by
3 terrorist forces on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center in New York; and

4 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Yokum will be forever remembered by his family, friends,
5 and fellow service members as an honest, decent young man who always exhibited an
6 uncommon sense of strong character; and

7 WHEREAS, while the loss of Petty Officer Yokum can never truly be measured
8 because his true talents, capabilities, and potential were cut short and will never be fully
9 recognized, he will always be a part of this nation's history for the part he played and the
10 sacrifice he made as the war on terrorism began that September morning and the world
11 changed forever; and

12 WHEREAS, the death of Petty Officer Yokum was almost more than his mother,
13 Beulah, and father, Allen, could endure, the knowledge by family, friends, and the Naval
14 service of the Petty Officer's courage, content, and humanity will always serve to show the
15 caliber of American he was.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby extend its most solemn and sincere condolences to the family of United States
18 Navy Petty Officer Kevin Yokum from a grateful state and nation for his sacrifice.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 family of Petty Officer Kevin Yokum as a symbol of the Senate's grief and in honor Petty
21 Officer Yokum's brave service to his country.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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